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Dear Pastor House & friends at Corridor Baptist Church,

Greetings from Western Australia! There are many blessings in serving the Lord and one of the greatest delights is seeing the Lord raise up pastors from within the church. As I have mentioned in previous letters, Mark has been working with us in various roles but primarily with our youth and children programs. He has now completed his Bible college courses and has been formally voted and recognised as a pastor of the Wanneroo church. We celebrated this with an ordination service. I took great care in preparing him and the church for this significance occasion as many of our new believers have never



witnessed this before. It was an exciting day for the church. I invited eight other Baptist pastors to form an Ordination Council to encourage Mark in his calling and recommend him to the church. Mark is now serving as a full-time pastor. Please continue to pray for him and his wife, Ashleigh, who serves faithfully alongside him. The Lord has also blessed them with their first child, a boy!



On August 6 Dawn and I celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! The Lord has led us in a remarkable journey over these years. We arrived in Australia in our second year of marriage with much anticipation and He has certainly given us the desires of our hearts both in His work and in our family. As the saying goes, "Where have the years gone?" Our three adult "children" are happily married and have given us four grandchildren with a fifth one to arrive early next year. We are counting our blessings. The church here in Wanneroo gave us a generous gift which enabled us to have a "holiday" to celebrate our anniversary. We are so grateful. Thank you also for the many cards expressing your love, prayers and best wishes. You continue to be a blessing and encouragement to us!

We are prayerfully preparing for our summer (down-under) camp coming up and the outreach for the end of the year. Please be in prayer for new churches being started. Also, the Australian government is making some serious moves to re-define Marriage which could have significant negative implications upon our freedom of speech and worship in this country. **Thank you for standing with us!**

In His service,

Larry & Dawn Nelson

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